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Bundy
Ball/Bill Bundy
1/31/65, 11:20 a.m.

Ball gave Bundy a fill-in on the Secretary's illness.

Bundy mentioned a telephone call from CIA saying there was a coup in Vientianne. He asked his brother to check the Agency then call him back.

Bundy asked if we had any information when Kosygin was going to Hanoi. WB replied no, but there was no reason to modify our plans; it won't coincide with this week's plans--WB hasn't gone any further than that. Bundy thought we wanted to get them in and out of there and the three discussed the situation further. Bundy told his brother he had made his own personal decision--he's staying--to which McB replied he was sorry.

Ball said the question we have to think about is whether we want to create a row before Kosygin arrives. McG replied he would be inclined to defer the automobile, sleep on it tonight and discuss it tomorrow.

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